

CITIZENS SUMMARY

Findings in the audit of the Independence Avenue and Colbern Road Transportation Development District

Background	The Independence Avenue and Colbern Road Transportation Development District (TDD) was organized in May 2007, and is located in the City of Lee's Summit in Jackson County. The qualified voters of the TDD, in this case the property owners/developer, approved a 3/4-cent sales tax on all taxable transactions within the TDD. They later voted to increase the tax to 1-cent. The TDD was formed for the purpose of constructing approximately \$900,000 worth of transportation projects, but the projects were not completed. The City of Lee's Summit subsequently took responsibility for the projects and the related funding, and plans to begin construction in the summer of 2012. On September 27, 2011, the TDD Board of Directors approved a resolution formalizing its intent to dissolve the TDD and repeal its sales tax effective January 1, 2012, and the State Auditor's office was notified.
Statutory Requirement	Section 238.275, RSMo, requires the State Auditor to determine the financial status of a TDD before it may be abolished. The law prohibits the abolishment of a TDD while there are outstanding claims or causes of action pending against it, if its liabilities exceed its assets; or while the TDD is insolvent, in receivership or under the jurisdiction of a bankruptcy court.
Financial Status	The Independence Avenue and Colbern Road TDD had a cash balance of \$18,320 at February 8, 2012, which the TDD's legal counsel estimates will be sufficient to pay any remaining costs and obligations. Based upon our audit, the Board of Directors may proceed with the abolishment of the Independence Avenue and Colbern Road TDD.

Because of the limited objective of this audit, no overall rating is provided.

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act 2009 (Federal Stimulus) The Independence Avenue and Colbern Road TDD did not receive any federal stimulus monies during the audited time period.